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Chicago Breadstuffs and Provision Markets.

The receipts of Breadstuffs during the past week were much heavier than those of any week this year—Wheat showing an increase of 27,134 bush on the previous week, and Flour an increase of 2,951 bbls. The total receipts of Breadstuffs during the past five weeks compare with those of 1858, as follows:

	1859	1858
Flour, bbls	76,710	48,257
Wheat, bu	144,511	599,366
Corn, bu	134,016	3,000
Oats, bu	71,760	21,264
Rye, bu	4,000	4,477
Barley, bu	10,000	34,000

The market during the week has been more active, Flour and Wheat barely sustaining the prices which ruled a week ago; Corn advancing 2c, and Oats, Rye and Barley firm and buoyant.

The receipts of Hogs during the past week were 857 Live, and 2,359 Dressed. The following table shows the receipts, shipments and surplus of the season:

Receipts of Live and Dressed Hogs from Nov. 1 to Jan. 29	234,257
Received last week	3,359
Total	237,601
Shipped up to Jan. 29	58,292
last week	420— 58,712
Total surplus	178,877

The Provision market during the week has been very firm and quite inactive. There is little or no Mess Pork or Lard offering, and the sales have been very trifling. The market for Cut Meats has been active, under a demand from Baltimore, and heavy sales have been made at an advance of 1/4c.

There are only a few of the small packers now in operation, and there is every prospect that the packing season will entirely close this month. If there are any hogs in the country, the present prices will undoubtedly bring them in.

The following table shows the closing prices of the principal staples of this market, compared with the prices that ruled a year since:

	Feb. 7 1859.	Feb. 8 1858.
Flour, Spring Extra	$4.75 @4.85	$5.10 @5.25
Superfine	4.50 @4.60	4.75 @5.00
Wheat, No. 1 Red	1.23 @ —	0.70 @0.75
No. 2 do	1.10 @1.10	0.67 @0.68
Corn, 9 60 lbs	0.66 @0.65½	0.30 @0.32
Oats	0.42 @0.34	0.24@0.25
Rye	0.60 @0.60	0.45 @0.47½
Barley	0.70 @0.70	0.50 @0.55
Mess Pork	17.50 @17.50	13.50 @ —
Mess Beef	9.00 @9.00	9.00 @10.00
Lard	0.11½@0.11½	0.06 @0.06½
Tallow	0.09½@0.09½	0.06½@0.07
Hides, Green Salted	0.06½@0.06½	0.04½@0.05
Dry	0.08½@0.08½	0.07½@0.08
Dressed Hogs	6.25 @7.30	4.81 @5.37½
Highwines	0.24 @0.25	0.16 @ —

The Leavitt Claim in the Legislature.

The House Committee on Canal and Canal Lands have submitted a report upon the payment of the Leavitt claim. The report is based entirely upon such facts having a bearing on the case as are embodied in public records, and upon the insight thus obtained the Committee predicate the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption by the Legislature:

Resolved, That the allowance of the claim of David Leavitt for forty thousand dollars by the joint action of himself and C. H. Ray, "two of the canal trustees" was unwise, and made against the established facts appearing upon the public records.

Resolved, That it is expedient for the Legislature to appoint an agent to confer with Capt. Swift in relation to the prosecution of the claim for $4,000 against David Leavitt, and to take such other action in the premises as the State may require.

It is understood that the State Trustee, who is now at Springfield, will put in a rejoinder to the report, in which we doubt not he will completely vindicate himself from the censure passed upon him by the Committee; and, perhaps, all that it becomes us to do under the circumstances is to request a suspension of judgment in the premises until that officer shall have been heard. Nevertheless we cannot refrain from calling attention to a few facts covered by the report:

I. The claim of Mr. Leavitt has received the unqualified indorsement of some of the ablest and most experienced financiers in the country, including the American bondholders—as well as a large number of prominent citizens of Illinois of both political parties. In censuring the State Trustee, therefore, for allowing this claim, the Committee pronounce a no less unqualified censure upon the parties who have recommended its payment.

II. The committee profess to have examined this subject only in the light of public records. All collateral testimony bearing upon the subject was rejected. Why it was thought proper to pursue this course it is difficult to imagine, if the committee was really desirous of doing justice to all the parties. From the nature of the case, but little pertaining to the agency of Mr. Leavitt in the negotiation for which the claim was preferred, was incorporated into the public records. He was only appointed by the Governor of the State not by the Legislature to make the negotiation. The success of his mission depended upon his unofficial character, his entire separation from State interests, and his identity of interest with those from whom he sought to obtain the money. These facts, as well as the reasons for it, were well understood at the time; and it is because these were the facts in the case that the public records in this particular; the evidence that they misrepresent the facts in the case is perfectly overwhelming, and could not but have led the committee to a widely different conclusion from that reached by them, had they given attention to it. For example, Ford's History of Illinois, says in relation to the subject;

"*Four* (Ryan and Oakley) *both failed in the negotiation south the bondholders*, and never pretended to make a loan or if they did, they were bound to fail again, and they knew it."

And again, when Gov. Davis and Mr. Oakley failed to make the negotiation, they returned, in the language of Gov. Ford, "the unlucky ministers of a discredited State."

And yet again, Gov. Ford writes:

"To Mr. Leavitt's visit to Europe, and his own liberal subscription, *we are undoubtedly indebted for the success of the loan.*"

Why did the Committee reject testimony of this character, substantiated as it is by scores of letters written at the time by Gov. Davis, Ryan, Oakley, Baring Brothers & Co., as well as by the evidence of hundreds of living witnesses who were personally cognizant of the facts? No incident in the past history of Illinois is sustained by a stronger array of evidence than can be adduced to prove that solely to the efforts of Mr. Leavitt, to his assuming obligations in behalf of the State of more than half a million of dollars, to his personal influence with the English bondholders, and to the untiring perseverance with which he prosecuted his official mission in behalf of a "discredited State" were the people and government of Illinois indebted for the loan of $1,600,000.

III. As to the justice of Mr. Leavitt's claim for this negotiation but one sentiment appears to prevail outside of the House Committee and the foreign bondholders—and the latter concede its *justice* while protesting against its becoming a charge upon the Trust. Mr. Wentworth, editor of the Chicago *Democrat*, thinks Mr. Leavitt ought to have been paid $80,000. The editor of the Chicago *Times* asserts that the action of the State Trustee in allowing the claim was "*just*." The editor of the Chicago *Journal* is "decidedly of the opinion that he (Mr. Leavitt) is entitled to at least two and a half per cent. ($40,000) on the amount of the loan." The principal American bondholders say the same. Messrs. Hagi T. Dickey, I. H. Burch, John. B. Turner, N. B. Judd, Thomas Dyer, William B. Ogden, Matthew Laflin, and other prominent citizens of the State, in a Memorial to the Governor join in the recommendation to pay Mr. Leavitt the amount subsequently allowed him by the State Trustee. Even the old Commissioners who, according to the public records and the House Committee, accomplished seven-eighths of the negotiation, say that Mr. Leavitt ought to be paid, and well paid, for effecting it. Why all these gentlemen arrived at a conclusion so widely different from that of the House Committee, can only be accounted for on the ground that in seeking information on the subject *they did not confine themselves entirely to the "public records."*

IV. After stating that they have been led to their conclusion solely by evidence derived from public records, the Committee attempt to fortify their position by assuming that both Gov. Matteson and Mr. McRoberts—the latter being the immediate predecessor of the present State Trustee—were opposed to the payment of this claim. We submit that in this matter the Committee traveled beyond the *record*, as the following correspondence, which is the last of their acts in the premises, so far as the public records show, very fully proves:

SPRINGFIELD, May 15, 1858.

J. McROBERTS—*Dear Sir*: On looking over the accounts of David Leavitt, of New York, for negotiating the loan of $1,600,000 to complete the canal, and the evidence of the value to the State of making the said negotiation, I have come to the conclusion that the opinion of so many men of experience and knowledge upon the subject must be a good criterion to be governed by in the amount Mr. Leavitt should have, I have, therefore, approved the account to the amount of the lowest sum mentioned (3¼ per cent.) by all the men who have fixed the value of his services in that negotiation, and which you would not do wrong in auditing and paying the account.

J. A. MATTESON.

SPRINGFIELD, May 20, 1858.

D. LEAVITT, Esq—Dear Sir: Since the adjournment of our Board, I have examined more closely into the merits of your claims for services rendered in enabling the State to borrow under the circumstances, I think it no more than justice to allow the claim, and in a few days, I will sign and forward you the check.

Would you prefer to have a resolution passed before the check is signed? If so, draw up one and forward it to me by mail for his consideration, and then forward it to me. I do not, however, think that the resolution at present is of so much importance, as it may be thought best to adopt the resolution then. I will not forward the check till I hear from you.

Very respectfully, J. McROBERTS.

If the committee were justified in going beyond the public records to learn whether these gentlemen changed their opinions subsequently, we ask, why did they not also go beyond the public records for the testimony to be found in Ford's History of Illinois, in the preserved letters of those who participated in the canal negotiations, and in the statements of a thousand living witnesses who were personally cognizant of all the facts?

This is all we have to say upon the subject at present. In a few days we hope to be in possession of the State Trustee's rejoinder, which we shall place before our readers.

A Ministerial Defeat in Canada.

Sir Edmund Head, in his Inaugural speech, a few days since, stated it to be the desire of the Home Government, that Ottawa should finally be the Capital, and that until full preparations were made for removal thither, the session of Parliament should be held in Quebec. The matter came up in the Council at Toronto on Wednesday last, in the shape of an amendment, to the effect that there was no arrangement recognized by the Legislature that the Government should go to Quebec, and that the expenses of removing at this time would be unwarrantable. After an excited debate, this amendment was adopted, by a majority of ten. This ends, for the present parliament, the Ottawa farmers—claim is a signal defeat of the Government, and the new ministerial policy, and are in high glee. The Toronto *Globe* thinks the ministry will suffer a defeat in the lower house, and that they will be compelled to dissolve.

Destitution and Starvation in Canada West.

(From the Kingsville Commonwealth.)

The distress which at present prevails in several of the townships of the county of Bruce is most appalling. Cases of the most pitiable and heart-rending destitution are every day coming to our knowledge; and the most serious apprehensions are entertained regarding the future. Bad as times have been, they are fearfully so at they now are, yet nevertheless it is evident that they are not at the worst, and that there is a crisis rapidly rushing upon us that will make a stagger and defy every effort to ameliorate it, unless some immediate and decisive efforts are taken to meet the coming storm. The horrible nature of our position is daily revealing itself to us in all its sadness. In the adjoining township there are hundreds of families living on starvation; and God only knows where the end will be, or what is to become of them. Many of our best and thriftiest farmers are destitute of the wherewithal to carry them through until the next harvest—the crops of the past year having almost proved a total failure.

We could enumerate instances where, even already, families are subsisting on the boiled turnips, others on bread and water alone, and the supply so small that it cannot keep body and soul hanging together for many weeks longer. Some have consumed everything in the shape of vegetation, and, as their last resort, have slaughtered their cows, which form their whole sustenance.

THE CITY.

REPUBLICAN CLUB MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the Republican Club at the Supervisors' Room in the Court House, on Wednesday evening next—the 9th inst.—to make arrangements for the Spring Elections.

H. B. JUDD, President,
B. F. HOWARD, Sec'y.

☞ The Rev. Mr. Loers of Joliet will preach in St. James Church to-night, (Wednesday) at 7½ o'clock.

PERSONAL.—Governor Sibley, of Minnesota, arrived in the city this morning, and is stopping at the Tremont House.

RECORDER'S COURT.—The criminal cases in this Court have not yet been reached, and the day has been occupied in the disposition of civil and appeal cases.

STUDENTS' MEETING.—The students and graduates of Bell's, Bell & Sloan's and Sloan's Commercial Colleges will meet this (Wednesday) evening and take into further consideration the proper course to be pursued in relation to the celebration of Washington's Birthday. By order of the Committees of the several Institutions.

TO THE LADIES.—Tickets to Mrs. Wheeler's lectures upon the science of anatomy and physiology, before the ladies of the West Side, can be procured at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Brooks, and at the time of the lectures, the next of which will be given this afternoon at three o'clock, at the West Presbyterian Church, corner of Washington and Racker streets. Single tickets, twenty-five cents; for the course, one dollar.

HIMALAYAN PHEASANT.—We saw yesterday a magnificent specimen of the male pheasant, the *Lophophorus Impejanus* of the naturalists, a native of the Himalaya Mountains, in the Kingdom of Nepaul, India. It was presented to the Audubon Club, of this city, by Thomas Fenton, Esq., taxidermist, of this city, late of Edinburgh, Scotland. The species is noted for its peculiar beauty of plumage, and this specimen is valued at fifty dollars. It will be placed in the collection of the Club at once.

ADDRESS AND PHYSIOLOGY.—MRS. WHEELER'S FIRST LECTURE.—The introductory lecture of Mrs. Hollis Markham Wheeler's course on Anatomy and Physiology, to the ladies of the West Division, was largely attended, last evening, at the Third Presbyterian Church—the house being filled with an intelligent and interested audience. Mrs. Wheeler's discourse evinced a thorough acquaintance with her subject, and a facility for presenting it to her hearers, undiminished since her Chicago popularity and successful efforts as an instructor of her sex. The latter concede its *justice* while protesting against its becoming a charge upon the Trust. Mr. Wentworth, editor of the Chicago *Democrat*, thinks Mr. Leavitt ought to have been

Festival of the Excelsior Society.

This event, which has been looked for with so much interest by every true son of the Empire State, took place last night at the Richmond House, and we think we risk nothing in saying that no festival ever took place in this city which, in every respect, with the possible exception of the number present, was so perfect a success as this. The Society, with a truly Empire liberality, gave Messrs. Taber, Hawk & Co. a *carte blanche* to spare neither pains nor expense to render the event worthy of the Empire State and her generous and noble sons who make our city their home. And, as a result, we think we can say with confidence, that the table which they spread, both as regards the bill of fare and its ornamental appointments, has never been approached in the Western States, and never excelled in this or any other country. This is high praise, but we think its facts justify it. The bill of fare embraced every luxury and dainty which could be produced within the limits of our land, and included considerably over one hundred dishes. The ornamental portion was in keeping with the bill of fare, and was characteristic of the origin, and in consonance with the design of the festival. Every portion of this pleasant accompaniment of the feast was the work of persons regularly employed in that well-ordered establishment. There were many devices which we should like to notice in detail but we are pressed for room and must forbear.

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This called up the Rev. A. L. Brooks. He congratulated the Society that in this land of their adoption, they had not forgotten the ministry of their early homes. He was glad to know that amid all the turmoil and clamor for wealth, power and place, they still contributed liberally in their respect and by their money, to the support of the gospel. After some other eloquent and impressive remarks, which we have not the room for, he closed with a sentiment.

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The States of Our Union.—May their common bright and tolerant, like memories of the past and the patriotism of the present, ever bind them together in fraternal affection and political harmony.

In answer to this sentiment EX Governor HORATIO SEYMOUR, of New York, made a speech of great power and eloquence. The sentiment just given was a noble one, and he was proud of the opportunity to speak to it. He said that since his sojourn in the West for the past few weeks, he had never met with kindlier smiles and warmer greetings than he had received in this Queen City of the West. The painted and naked savages had faded away, and the sons and daughters of New York had planted in their place religion and civilization. He had heard the sons of New England boast of their Puritanism; the Virginians of their cavalier, and he commended them for it. He who does love the land he came from would never make a good citizen of the land he lives in. The sons of New York can be excused for loving their native State. The Governor paid an eloquent tribute to the Empire State and her generous and noble sons who make our city their home. And, as a result, we think we can say with confidence, that the table which they spread, both as regards the bill of fare and its ornamental appointments, has never been approached in the Western States, and never excelled in this or any other country. This is high praise, but we think its facts justify it. The bill of fare embraced every luxury and dainty which could be produced within the limits of our land, and included considerably over one hundred dishes. The ornamental portion was in keeping with the bill of fare, and was characteristic of the origin, and in consonance with the design of the festival. Every portion of this pleasant accompaniment of the feast was the work of persons regularly employed in that well-ordered establishment. There were many devices which we should like to notice in detail but we are pressed for room and must forbear.

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This called up the Rev. A. L. Brooks. He congratulated the Society that in this land of their adoption, they had not forgotten the ministry of their early homes. He was glad to know that amid all the turmoil and clamor for wealth, power and place, they still contributed liberally in their respect and by their money, to the support of the gospel. After some other eloquent and impressive remarks, which we have not the room for, he closed with a sentiment.

The next regular toast was—

The States of Our Union.—May their common bright and tolerant, like memories of the past and the patriotism of the present, ever bind them together in fraternal affection and political harmony.

In answer to this sentiment EX Governor HORATIO SEYMOUR, of New York, made a speech of great power and eloquence. The sentiment just given was a noble one, and he was proud of the opportunity to speak to it. He said that since his sojourn in the West for the past few weeks, he had never met with kindlier smiles and warmer greetings than he had received in this Queen City of the West. The painted and naked savages had faded away, and the sons and daughters of New York had planted in their place religion and civilization. He had heard the sons of New England boast of their Puritanism; the Virginians of their cavalier, and he commended them for it. He who does love the land he came from would never make a good citizen of the land he lives in. The sons of New York can be excused for loving their native State. The Governor paid an eloquent tribute to the Empire State and her generous and noble sons who make our city their home. And, as a result, we think we can say with confidence, that the table which they spread, both as regards the bill of fare and its ornamental appointments, has never been approached in the Western States, and never excelled in this or any other country. This is high praise, but we think its facts justify it. The bill of fare embraced every luxury and dainty which could be produced within the limits of our land, and included considerably over one hundred dishes. The ornamental portion was in keeping with the bill of fare, and was characteristic of the origin, and in consonance with the design of the festival. Every portion of this pleasant accompaniment of the feast was the work of persons regularly employed in that well-ordered establishment. There were many devices which we should like to notice in detail but we are pressed for room and must forbear.

At a little past four o'clock the guests, the larger portion of whom were "God's first best gift to man," were requested to "fall in," and to the music of a pos'erous march by the band they proceeded to the dining hall. All being seated, the Rev. A. L. Brooks implored a blessing in eloquent and earnest words. After which an hour was spent in reading the "bill of fare" at intervals, with knife and fork accompaniment. The intellectual exercises were then opened by James E. Dalliba, Esq., the President of the Society for the last two years, with the following neat speech:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—The programme of our evening's entertainment is as you see half fulfilled—the other half, it is hoped may prove as acceptable as the exercises in which we have all been so agreeably engaged. The elegant feast which has just been discussed, and to which full justice has been done, is the second in the annual festivals of the Excelsior Society. The first feast which has just been discussed, and to which full justice has been done, has doubtless well fitted us to enjoy the more intellectual repast which is promised to follow. In the *Hall of Fame* for the mind, as well as entertainments we put down sentiments, crispy and sparkling—toasts just done brown for the regular dishes—while volunteers, well peppered and seasoned, are among the "*entrees*" and the *dessert*.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am so happy to congratulate you on the recurrence of another Excelsior festival, that I cannot withhold the circumstances. The attendance here this evening, proves that the tie which unites us as New Yorkers is as strong as ever, if possible. These social reunions are well calculated to develop and perpetuate genial sentiments and kindly feelings among us.

It is gratifying to know that the progress of our Society has kept pace with the growth of our city and of the West. Each succeeding anniversary has marked that progress, and I am proud to see that our present gathering shows us to have taken another long step forward, and that it is as numerous as it is characteristic of our society to have christened it with the glorious motto of our native State—"Excelsior."

Since our last annual meeting, the annual interest to us as a society has occurred. Owing to the crushing financial pressure of the last year it was thought unwise to attempt a public demonstration. But the feeling now is different. True, matters have not yet entirely resumed their former shape—the clouds still lingers upon business, and there is the shadow on the business world, but men's *feelings* have in a measure changed. The first heavy gloom has passed away. We have become accustomed to the obscure sight—here and there a ray of the former brightness peeps through—despondency has given way to confidence, and bright high hopes for the future sustain and animate us.

During the interval a few of the members of our Society, who have been called away from our festivities, (and but a few, considering our numbers,) have passed away from earth. To the loved and honored dead we render a deep but silent tribute; their memories shall live forever fresh and forever sacred within our hearts.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have met to-night as a *New York* Society, and well may we all feel proud of the old Empire State. First in population, wealth, commerce and in political influence, and surpassing all in the love of freedom of her people, the perfect development of her interior resources and all that tends to make her really great, she stands out pre-eminently among the States of this Union. Well does she justify the attachment which her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the land, ever cherish for their native State. But I will not attempt any extended panegyric of New York—that is not now my province—the duty is a pleasant one, and if I ought do the subject more justice than I could, should I attempt it; besides, I did not rise with any intention of making a parti-speech.

There is one pleasant feature of our present festival which I cannot refrain to notice, for it has seldom been our fortune to enjoy on previous occasions of this kind, that our festivities were honored by the presence of distinguished gentlemen from her own State. On no previous occasion has such an agreeable exception to the rule, and I am indeed most happy to perceive amongst us this evening one of New York's noblest and most prominent sons—one who long has been loved and honored in his own State, and whose reputation for genius, eloquence and statesmanship is almost universal in the world. We are proud of our native State—and justly too. There stands the Catskill and the Palisades, the noblest specimens in the land; there is West Point, Sullivaster, Saratoga, Oriskany, Crown Point and old Ticonderoga, the battlefields of the Revolution, will be remembered as long as Pharsalia and Cannæ—there is the grand and majestic Hudson, more gorgeous than the Rhine; there are the Mohawk and Genesee, there is the Niagara—there are the Lakes George, Cayuga, Canandaigua and Seneca—and there are her Schuylers, the Jays, Hamiltons, the Kents, the Van Rensselaers and her Livingstons—though dead yet walk forth inspiring their descendants with that energy of character and purpose that distinguished them while living. And now step forth her living monuments of learning and genius—Irving, the Van Buren, King, Seymour, Fillmore, Hunt, Wolworth, Bronson, Seymour, and a host of others. Such is the panorama that sometimes comes before my vision, every one of which is announced in letters of gold by the word EXCELSIOR!

The Netherlands divide with England the glory of having planted the first colonies in the United States. They also divide the glory of having set examples of public freedom. If England gave our Pilgrim fathers the idea of a popular representation, Holland originated for them the principles of a federal union.

At the conclusion of this portion of the festivities, the tables were removed and the innocent and healthful intoxication of the many dance dropped the party into the "wee sma' hours ayont the twal."

REMEMBER IN A STORM.—On Monday last a lady went into the store of Wm. M. Ross for the purpose of purchasing a bill of goods. The goods were selected, and the lady took out her porte monnaie to pay for them and laid it on the counter, while the clerk went to another part of the store for the purpose of putting up the goods. During the absence of the clerk another lady stepped up and commenced a conversation with the first named, and continued it until the clerk started to return when she left. When the clerk reached his customer she looked upon the counter and in her pocket, and discovered that her porte monnaie and contents were missing. The lady was much distressed, stating that it was all the money she had in the world. The lady with whom she had conversed she never saw before. We understand that Mr. Ross took immediate measures to reimburse the lady for the loss. The whole thing looks like, and may prove, an ingenious swindle. We could not learn the name of the victim, and it may prove—we trust it will—that she is perfectly honest, and was really robbed.

ARRESTED AS AN ACCOMPLICE.—A few days since we gave an account of the arrest of John G. Brown, for stealing grass seed from a farmer in Du Page County. Brown was held for further examination. On Monday a man calling himself James L. French, alias James L. Hutchins, a Mormon by profession and practice, came into the city for the purpose of swearing his friend clear; but he rather overdid the business, and the result was that he was arrested as an accomplice. After examination, he was required to give bail in the sum of $500, to appear before the Recorder's Court. He could'nt do it, and was sent to console Brown within the walls of the city prison.

INFANTICIDE.—The body of a healthy male infant was found yesterday morning in a vacant lot, corner of New street and Indiana avenue. It was wrapped in a piece of cotton batting, around which was a child's skirt. It had been deposited there lately as no snow had fallen since. Leading to the spot were the tracks of a female who wore slippers, and who appears to have carried it in a pail, as near by were the marks of where one had been set down in the snow. The Coroner held an inquest, but without ascertaining any traces of its parentage.

☞ It is the Church of the Ascension, and not the Church of the Atonement, as we stated yesterday, for whose benefit the festival is to be given at the Metropolitan Hall, on Friday next. The Grand Western Band, a number of amateur singers, including Frank Lumbard, will enliven the occasion by some of their choicest music. Tickets may be had at Jones, Perdue & Small's, 139 Lake street, and at the principal bookstores.

THE POOR AND DESTITUTE.—An informal meeting was held at the Tremont House, on Monday evening, Feb. 7, for the purpose of providing means to meet the necessary wants of those who from sickness or destitution are the proper objects of charity.

The following gentlemen were chosen as Ex' Relief Committee:—Geo. W. Clapp, Rev. R. H. Clarkson, Alvin Salisbury and H. Warriner.

Adjourned to meet at the Tremont House on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9. A full attendance is especially desired.

H. WARRINER, Sec'y.

☞ Valentines bought, and gold watches, opera glasses, diamonds, and books given away. All in want of Valentines, should go to Andrews, 85 South Clark street, where they are presented with a rich gift, immediately on purchasing a Valentine for a quarter of a dollar, or upwards. Gifts vary in value, from twenty-five cents to one hundred dollars.

☞ At a regular meeting of Excelsior Engine Company, No. 5, held in their house Feb. 7, 1859, on motion a vote of thanks be tendered to Messrs. D. B. Cooke, Keen & Lee, Holmes & Colby, and others, for their liberal donations of books for the library.

GEO. H. LUCAS, Secretary.

RUN OVER.—Nicholas Lynch was brought before Justice Akin, yesterday morning, for running over a boy on South Clark on the day before. Lynch proved that his horse became unmanageable, and as the boy was more frightened than hurt, the case was dismissed.

OWNER WANTED.—An owner is wanted for a ladies grey shawl, all wool, plaid, with a black fringe. It can be had at the City Marshal's office.

POLICE MATTERS.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

Pat Oniel, dr

PRESS AND TRIBUNE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 6, 1859.

The Fraudulent Bonds—Can they be Repudiated?

Since it is sufficiently determined that a greater or less sum of the public securities in the vault of the Auditor, pledged for the redemption of circulating notes in the hands of the people, were fraudulently obtained from the Fund Commissioner of this State, it becomes a question of immediate moment what action shall be taken in the premises, either to protect the State against the results of the crime, or to secure the bill-holders against loss in their innocent and lawful act of receiving the notes put forth by State authority. All this in the event that the parties who received the bonds, and subsequently deposited them with the Auditor, do not make restitution in full—first to that officer, by depositing other securities, and second to the Fund Commissioner, by returning the bonds fraudulently obtained. We hear not a little about the inevitable repudiation of the bonds, as having been given for no value received. It seems to be assumed that the indebtedness represented by the swindle must be cast off at once, and without recourse, whatever be the consequences to other public interests or to the general credit of the State. Let us see.

The bonds in question, however or by whomsoever obtained, have passed into the hands of third parties. These persons are the holders of the notes authorized to be issued on the pledge of the securities,—represented by the Auditor of the State. It is not alleged that the bonds were forged or that any informality attaches to their execution and delivery by the proper officer. On the contrary it is in evidence that they were issued according to law, by the accredited functionary,—a person who has discharged the duties of his office faithfully and intelligently for nineteen years, through all changes of the State government. Certainly the people, who are the actual owners of those securities, and who gave a dollar of good money for every dollar figured on their faces, are in the light of innocent purchasers to whom the law gives ample and full protection. Their representative, the Auditor, has no official knowledge of anything wrong in his department. He can have none until called by a failure of the bank proposed to New York and offer the securities for sale at public auction. Here, if no bidders are found for a certain class of his parchments, he may have a semi-official notice that there has been mal-practice of some sort behind his record. But he has no discretion in the premises. His duty is clearly marked out by the law, and the bonds in his possession must remain there until replaced by cash or other undoubted values. He is an innocent and *bona fide* holder on behalf of the people, and if the known principles of law in such cases could be applied to the issue between him and the State, as between private individuals, the latter would be compelled to assume and pay the debt.

We do not see upon what grounds therefore, the talked-of repudiation is placed. The State has its valid action against the person or persons who may have been guilty of the fraud, but it must rest its hope of recovery upon the chances of success in that quarter, and got upon a back stroke at the guiltless. Fortunately, in the present instance the other securities of the bank, with the accrued interest thereon, will nearly or quite make up the deficit, even if repudiation were to be applied to the fraudulent securities; but that fact in no way affects the principle under discussion.

For the information of the bill holders of the State Bank of Illinois at Shawneetown, we may say in this connection that its notes are taken and paid out as usual by the Banks of this city.

Give Both Sides a Chance.

If we are to have Cuba for the benefit of the South, let us have Canada for the benefit of the North. Let the antidote go with the bane. If Cuba is worth two hundred millions to the slaveholders, Canada is cheap at four hundred millions to the free labor interest. Whatever Sam expends for the acquisition of neighboring territory, to the relief of the supply comes out of the pockets of the people of the Free States. If the farce is to be played through, let Senator Trumbull, in behalf of Northern interests, move as an amendment to Senator Slidell's thirty million Cuba bill, that sixty millions be added thereto, to enable the President to open negotiations with Great Britain for the purchase of the Canadas. If Cuba will make two Slave States, Canada will make two splendid Free States, each worth more to the Union than the Island of Cuba; and if the South ask for Porto Rico, let the North demand Newfoundland as an offset. Let us not have both boils on one leg.

The Horticulturist for February.

This monthly visitor, continues to come freighted with budget of horticultural knowledge and useful hints. The dripping skies of April will soon be here, waking the flowers from their hibernation, and calling forth the ready hand that make their lives more beautiful.

The most interesting papers in this number is portions of an address by the honorable David Thomas, of New York. We cannot pass by without an extract or two:

"Unusual except upon think of the beauty of flowers? I presume not, having never seen any indication of the kind, though hundreds of people pass on their knees. Our love of flowers must then be considered as evidence of a higher organization; and those who cannot appreciate the beauty of flowers, whose phrenological development, have claims on our sympathy.

On the subject of profession his views accord with those set forth in the address before the State Horticultural Society at Bloomington.

"Have we a better guide than nature? Her seedlings generally rise among other plants, which are prevented from the searching sun, from untimely frost, and from being thrown out in winter. Many a plant which we lose in the cultivated world of flowers, in the thick shadows of our forests, when the branches around them would insure the radiation of heat, and shield them from freezing winds. Hot hot sunshine may be as destructive as a cold night. The difference between the climate of the woods and the climate of the open border is very great, and it may explain why many of our native plants refuse to inhabit our gardens. Some shrubs refuse to flourish except in sheltered winds. In the open ground the White Antwerp Raspberry has been much injured, while two rods off, under the lee of Red Cedars, it has done well. The common Laburnam may illustrate the same doctrine. One which stood in a door yard, exposed to the west winds, was damaged every winter, while a bedding was destroyed very near to it, so as to completely shelter it on that side, and from that time during seven years it has been injured."

If such is the effect among the hills and forests of New York, how much greater the value of protection on our wide sweep of prairie, and the open roads of our rambling towns.

"Grapes under a roof have been fair in the world's fairs, and it has been proposed to give them a south aspect under a shed, only two or three feet wide, with a close back. Both of these modes have suffered defeat here. Foster the cold winds from the north, and keep his fruit dry while the rain was nourishing the vines."

ROYAL.

Important from Mexico.

[From the New York Times.]

Letters from well informed and responsible parties in Vera Cruz, describe the recent extraordinary claims of the French and English naval commanders on Mexico, as in a fair way of adjustment.

The only claims on which the allies now insist, are those which have been founded by the government at just reasonable demand. They will be met as promptly as circumstances will permit, and the early departure of Mexico, is in fact as pleasure to government on the one hand, and France and England on the other; we conceived, remain amicable and undisturbed.

Juarez has secured the allied commanders that the stipulated proportions of the duties on all goods landed at the port of Vera Cruz, have been set aside. As early conversion of these obligations will be made, and the funds so provided will be applied to the liquidation of the foreign debt. It has also been suggested to the English Consul-General, that the British flag shall be hoisted in the harbor of Tampico, in token of reparation for certain wrongs alleged to have been sustained by British subjects at that port.

The amicable settlement of these reclamations of England and France is of immense advantage to Juarez, by leading to more active efforts on the part of the Congress of Mexicans and sequently, put aside from this the troubles of the country appear to have some more favorable aspect. It is also considered possible for Miramon's force to maintain a siege of Vera Cruz, after the month of March, the climate of yellow fever, in which the troops of Juarez are so apparently acclimated.

Charles L. Wilson Minister to Washington, is in this city, and has furnished the information contained in the foregoing.

OUR SPRINGFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

The Great Fraud on the State.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 5, 1859.

The amount abstracted from the Treasury by the fraud upon the Fund Commissioner's office, does not foot up quite as largely as was rumored. I send you an account current of the State with the rascal whoever he may be.

THE STATE IN ACCOUNT WITH ——.

By stolen checks funded	$197,361
By certificates to interest on these checks, from May and Aug., 1858, to date of bonds. *Say* int.	2,504
By interest Commercial on coal from rascals and fanciful	14,274
	21,677
Total	$235,816
To	Cr.
Balance in favor of State	$235,816

—This at latest dates. E. & O. excepted.

The examination of the matter will be resumed by the committee, to-morrow evening, when additional testimony will be heard. The friends of Governor Matteson are confident that he will be able to extricate himself from the dilemma in which he is placed; and his lawyers foreshadow the testimony by which his connection with the affair will be satisfactorily explained; but I do not understand that they propose to show who is guilty; their labors will be confined to the ex Governor's innocence. There was a rumor this morning that the old fakt of Wentworth & Sheldon, State Agents in New York, had been paid in these stolen checks; but an examination of the bonds, &c., received from them puts that story at rest.

Duration of the Session—Prospect of a Dead Lock—Mr. Wm. Pondey and the State Agency.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 7, 1859.

The probable duration of the session is now much talked of. It is pretended on the part of the Democrats that it will be prolonged until the passage of the Appropriation bill that they have concocted, and it is also pretended that by prevailing the passage of the *Appropriation* bill until their *perrymander* is consummated, they can hold the Republicans up to the work, or compel them to shoot the pit and assume the responsibility of blocking the wheels of the State Government for want of the funds whereby they receive! It is fortunate that they have declared their intention thus early. To-day their metal will be tested. If an Appropriation bill should be moved as a substitute for any other bill that may be called up—an event that is highly probable—they must take upon themselves the task of referring it, laying it on the table, or voting it down. They have the majority in each House. Upon them the responsibility of all legislation or neglect of legislation must rest. If they have an opportunity to supply the means of keeping the public offices, the court, the State institutions at Jacksonville, &c., &c., in motion, and neglect or refuse, upon partisan considerations, to do so, let them account to their constituents as they may for the consequences of their error.

The neglect of the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures to meet and frame an Appropriation bill adequate to the wants of the Government, gives color to the suspicion that this policy policy is to be adopted. It is a game that two can play at. The Republicans are content with any action to which as reasonable men and faithful officers they can submit. But when asked to lend themselves to the virtual disfranchisement of their constituents, to the endowment of the minority with the power that belongs to the majority, and to the surrender of the control of the affairs of the State to that minority for at least three years, they will certainly avail themselves of all the means in their power, to protect and advance the interests of those who sent them here. I am not aware that they have agreed upon any line of policy to be pursued; but from their temper, I shall not be surprised to see, within the next twelve days, their assent accomplished, or such what legislation remains incomplete. The preservation of the great principle of popular sovereignty in the affairs of the people is of far more importance than the incorporation of Cemetery and other companies, the vacation of streets and alleys, or the re-location of certain State roads. That principle, threatened here through its professed friends and loudest advocates, by means of which the Democracy of Illinois have been unfaithful to their brethren in Kansas at Oxford and Kickapoo, must be preserved. Majorities of the people must continue to govern. A minority has given the State a Senator in Congress for the next six years; let that suffice without usurping the control of the next Legislature and a second Senator!

The Republicans have two or three put measures in which two or three of their leading men are concerned. They demand from the treasury an enormous sum of money which, as contractors, &c., they will disburse. For the new Penitentiary at Joliet $397,000 is asked; and for the State Institutions at Jacksonville $323,000—half a million in the aggregate. The responsibility of voting these unusual appropriations will be left to them. If they continue to exercise the tyrannical control which the majority gives them; if Republicans in the House and Senate are to be reduced to the condition of voting machines; if they are compelled to submit to every partisan scheme which ambitious Democrats may concoct, they will exercise the privilege left them of voting No!

The proposition to make W. H. Pondey, Esq., State Agent in New York with a salary of $3,000 per annum, by act of the Legislature, has probably been abandoned. Mr. Pondey is an estimable gentleman and a capable business man; but having been so lately defeated by the people when a candidate for Treasurer, it is hardly proper for the Legislature to nullify the people's verdict by investing him now with the delicate and important duties which appertain to the office that he sought. But the fraud lately perpetrated upon the Fund Commissioner's office, has awakened the attention of the Legislature to the condition of the State Agency in New York, and the manner of funding State Debt here, which may lead to important changes in our financial system, now found to be loose and unsafe. What those changes will be, depends probably upon the report of the Committee. That they will recommend such important modifications of the existing plans, that robbing will hereafter be impossible, is confidently expected. The old wisdom which put up the bars when the horse was stolen, is not all extinct. But better late than never!

The National Democracy vs. the Douglas Democracy—The Two Mill Tax, &c., &c.

[Correspondence Press and Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 7, 1859.

The Senate this afternoon was the scene of a political tussle which had an unexpected termination. Martin of White, has for a long time been anxious to get a vote on its resolutions affirming the creed of the Buchanan Democracy. He is the only "National" in either House, but having voted for Douglas was persevering in his efforts to purge himself of the heresy evinced by that act. But heretofore when his resolutions have been up they have cursed the Douglas men, not yet quite certain where they will fall, to fight shy and give them a wide berth. But to-day, taking advantage of the fact that they will be absent in the stirrup to the other fact that two of the Douglas men were sick, a direct trial was had, and after much maneuvering, the effort to carry water on both shoulders was abandoned by the Douglasites who came up, though unwillingly, and under the operation of the previous question, and voted flatly against the resolutions which affirm the creed of National purity and the creed of the Administration. As you will doubt less publish the proceedings of the hour when they appear in the official paper, I will not bore your readers with a detail of the method by which this handsome job was done. Suffice it, the Douglas men were visibly annoyed, while Martin was jubilant with victory, that he had at last succeeded in putting himself right upon the record.

The proposition to remit the two mills tax was again under discussion in the House this afternoon. Its friends fought for it with great zeal and ability but fell short of the accomplishment of their wishes. While the motion was Ayes 35 to Nays 36, so the bill was lost. Probably an effort will be made to reconsider, as the opponents of the tax are not inclined to submit to defeat. They are earnest in the advocacy of this thing as a great relief measure for the people now over-loaded with debt and cramped and distressed by the failure of their crops. They believe it its constitutionality and necessity and have warmly and unanimously with earnestness that deserves a better reward.

After that was disposed of, the bill making an appropriation for the completion of the new Penitentiary at Joliet came up as the special order. The amount asked was $397,000, of which about $65,000 was for unsettled claims at Alton. This is a measure in which the Democracy are specially interested, though their leaders, knowing that, and doubting the necessity for an appropriation of such an extraordinary amount, the Republicans threw upon the opposite party the entire responsibility of making it a log. A few of them, afraid of their constituents, refused to carry it through, and the bill lacked one vote of a constitutional majority. Only two Republicans—Campbell of La Salle and Norton of Will—voted for it.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Back Island Reservation—The Thirty Million Bill—The National Finances, Etc.

[Special Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, 1859.

The Committee on Public Lands have voted to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to transmit to Congress the Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of Jan. 14, 1859, with the documents accompanying the same, and such other documents referred to or otherwise in the Report of the Secretary of the Interior to the House upon the subject of the Military Reservation in Rock Island in the State of Illinois.

This is done in the interest of the anti-Douglas and Lindsley party of Squatters. There is no objection, of course, to a full investigation, and the papers called for all necessary to that end. Forney writing a Washington letter to his own paper, over the signature of "Occasional," goes very elaborately into this affair, saying among other things that the CHICAGO PRESS AND TRIBUNE is in the confidence of one set of the speculators, and quoting from my correspondence. This is powerfully illustrative of Forney's impudence. Forney, however, lets several kittens out of the bag, which show that he draws his inspiration from a distinguished Senator, not enthusiastically devoted to Fitch and Jones. He says the Island is worth $3,000,000! that George. Wallace Jones devised the swindling scheme to get it under a pretence of preemption for *eleven hundred dollars*, and that District Attorney Fitch is in the speculation, instead of laboring to protect the government's property. Where these charges came from is plain enough.

Information has just reached here that 100 men are occupied in cutting down and carrying away the timber on the island, and that Mr. Fitch has issued warrants against all of these trespassers, against whom affidavits have been procured. This very Reservation question gives nutriment to a reserved personal and political quarrel, and it is perfectly apparent that it may likewise furnish occasion for certain broken heads. One of the agents states to me that in undertaking to explain the geographical and topographical bearings of this case, he was surprised to learn that half the Senators had been over the island; which, if true, shows how sharp they are.

The Democracy have not yet moved in column on the $50,000,000 bill. On calling the roll several contingents, heretofore relied on, do not come up. Senator Bell thinks they have abandoned the scheme for this session, being content with the mere proposing it for effect on the Southern elections. They are not so fierce for discussion as they were. Senator Seward's speech has damaged the prospect very greatly even at the South. Toombs' late and Mr. Stephens' talk about reducing the expenditures of the Government, and deny such aid to the languishing Pacific Railroad. Riddle does not think it could concede, without interfering, in the slightest degree, with the interests of the South or the interests of the country? Pennsylvania and the Free States which affiliate with her are just now omnipotent alike in the righteousness of their demands and in the power to enforce them. What the recommendation for an advance of duties come into the House, our friends must strike for the reduction of the ad valorems of 1846 to specifics; they must stand to it; and they cannot fail to succeed. Let them do it!

Have you observed how popular the census has become with the men who now aspire to native and Grand Inquisitorial glory, have outlived a few years ago Mr. DAVIS, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mason, and others, treated the census as a guillotine upon which the interests of the South were to be mutilated; while Mr. Toombs, and Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Benjamin, (all then members of an opposing party,) rejoiced in making this same institution of a census as ridiculous as possible. Now, however, when the Democracy are losing of the Democracy is weaker than it was ever known to be, these excellent gentlemen elevate King Census into the category of their political idolatry, *because he responds to all their demands.* They call upon him only to help them. We to the Northern Democrat who dares to ask his majesty to do anything to assist the party in the free States: he is instantly driven out of confidence as a rebel! Let him dare to denounce the attempt to use the public money for the purpose of provoking hostilities with Spain; or let him open his lips in favor of the pledges of the Democratic party of the last session, and his name is entered for instant execution. On this question of the tariff, for instance, the decision of the Democracy was not a wanton insult to the people. What would the South say if the Democrats of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, and other Northern States met in caucus to make hostility to the slave trade a party test? What would those of the Northern say if opposition to appropriations for rivers and harbors were made a party test in a Congressional caucus? Both would laugh at so mere. And yet we are called upon to submit to the decision of a majority caucus against our most material interests, on the poor plea that it is anti-Democratic to assess duties for the purpose of producing revenue, and not to protect these material interests by such incidental discrimination as would not be felt by the consumer! Mr. Stephens and Mr. Crawford, both of Georgia, and, no doubt, the special representatives of Mr. Secretary Cobb, took ultra ground in the House caucus—Mr. Crawford being particularly hostile to any attempt to amend the tariff of 1857. Of course, the utterances of many of them will be no more regarded by the Democrats of the middle States than if they were the utterances of so many children. They will learn the new strategy to pack new burdens upon their backs with ineffable contempt. They will see that the very men, who were so prominent in forcing Locompton into our party-creed, and so proscriptive in making Presidential treachery a test upon indispensable men, are the extreme managers of this new scheme to stultify and degrade them.

The Dishonest Way in which the Administration Conducts the Navy.

[Correspondence N. Y. Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3, 1859.

Though Mr. Sherman's committee conceive the strictest secrecy respecting the results of their still unfinished investigation into the frauds of the Navy Coal Contracts, the interesting facts have leaked out through the witnesses themselves, who do not hesitate, in some instances, to boast of the nature of their evidence. One of the abuses that have come to my knowledge is the following:

The Naval Appropriation Act of 1850 contains a provision in these words:

"In the article of fuel for the Navy or Naval Stations and Yards, the Secretary of the Navy shall have the right to purchase, or contract in such manner as he shall deem proper, that kind of fuel which is best adapted to the purpose for which it is to be used."

A coal agent has accordingly been appointed by the Department to purchase coal for the use of the Navy. The duties of this Agent have been multiplied since the labor is far more profitable than slave labor. A stranger coming to St. Louis would be surprised to find that is the business, and the only business, on which the parties employed are generally whites—seldom do you find a colored person performing this kind of labor.

We remember, when we first came to this city, being taken by surprise to find at the hotel where we put up, that there was not so much as one colored person. When we went to the barber shop, we expected, as a matter of course, to meet with one of the sable profession—but we were disappointed. A correct conception may be formed of their relative position, from the fact that the slave population of this city only amounts to 1,000, and as it regards this number, many of them are a burden to their owners.

Another cause operating to their entire insecurity of this chattelized property. In Missouri, surrounded as she is by free States, unimpeded as are all frequent avenues of escape, to aside upon and cultivate such land, and still reside upon the same, and have not alienated the same, or any part of it, to the injury of the South, or to, if they, if at the time a citizen of the United States, shall, on payment of ten dollars, be entitled to a patent, or other instrument of writing, for the same: *And provided, further*, In case of the death of both father and mother, leaving an infant child or children under the age of twenty-one years, the right and the fee shall inure to the benefit of said infant child or children, until the executor, administrator, or guardian shall sell the same, and for two years after the death of the surviving parent, and in accordance with the laws of the State in which such land may be situated, or until the youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and in such case the proceeds of the sale of said lands, after the payment of all the debts of the deceased parent or parents, shall be paid over to the child or children entitled to the same, or to his, her or their guardian, without any unnecessary delay.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That any person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is entitled to enter the same, make affidavit before the said register that he or she is the head of a family, or is twenty one years or more of age, and that such application is made for his or her exclusive use and benefit, and that upon specially mentioned in this act, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; and upon making the affidavit as above required, and filing the affidavit with the register, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land already specified: *Provided, however*, That no certificate shall be given or patent issued therefor until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, or at any time thereafter, the person making such entry, or, if he be dead, his widow, or, in case of her death, his heirs or devisee, or in case of a privor making such entry, her heirs or devisee, in case of her death, shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she or they have resided upon or cultivated the same for the term of five years immediately succeeding the time of filing the affidavit aforesaid, and shall make affidavit thereof before the officer authorized to administer oaths within six months thereafter, and shall thereupon pay to the Receiver of Public Moneys the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, or a quantity equal thereto, to be located in a body, in conformity with the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and after the same shall have been surveyed.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That no person shall be entitled to more than one quarter section of land under the provisions of this act; and no person who is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in any State or Territory, as a settler, or who shall have filed his intention to become such, as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, shall, from and after the passage of this act, be entitled to enter, free of cost, one quarter section of vacant and unappropriated public lands which may be subject to the provisions of this act: Subject to private entry, at $1.25 per acre, or a quantity equal thereto, to be located in a body, in conformity with the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and after the same shall have been surveyed.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no individual shall be permitted to make more than one entry under the provisions of this act; and every person entering lands in pursuance of the provisions of this act, and who shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she or they have resided upon, improved and cultivated the same for the term of five years as specified by the naturalization laws of the United States, or shall prove the death of such person or persons, as the case may be, and that the widow of such person, or the heirs or devisee, or in case of a privy in the estate of such person, have resided upon and cultivated the same for the term of five years as specified in this act, shall be entitled to a patent from the United States, upon the payment of the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, or such quantity as may be due according to the provisions of this act, as the case may be.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights.

Missouri and Slavery.

[From the St. Louis Cent. Christian Advocate, Feb. 2d.

One of the most striking and significant facts connected with Missouri is the change that is constantly going on as it regards the relative positions of the slave and free population, with reference to numbers and social position. Scarcely a week passes away without witnessing the emigration of families and slaves to the South. Various and numerous are the causes for this unprecedented movement. We can only enumerate a few of the principal elements involved. One of the principal causes, in our judgment, is that it is demonstrated as clearly as any of the problems of Euclid, that so far as Missouri is concerned, the labor is far more profitable than slave labor. A stranger coming to St. Louis would be surprised to find that is the business, and the only business, on which the parties employed are generally whites—seldom do you find a colored person performing this kind of labor.

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The Thirty-Million Corruption Fund.

[From the Washington Union, Feb. 3, 1859.

The opposition to the thirty-million corruption project is widening. It is by no means confined to the Northern Democracy. Six or seven Southern Senators are opposed to it. The organ of the States Rights wing of the Southern Democracy of this city, the *Southern Press*, in cut against it. Messrs. Bell and Crittenden will both speak in opposition.

The idea of giving to the President the unlimited control of thirty millions of money just before the opening of a Presidential campaign, is one of those assumptions of power which staggers even the lai hist. There is that in it which offends every sentiment of propriety, and alarms the jealousy of the nation by rebuking. What will the President do with the money if he gets it? Who will he buy? Will it be the people of Pennsylvania, who have lately repudiated the standard? Whatever he may do, it is certain that there is no restraint upon his action, by the terms of the proposition as to the purposes for which the thirty millions. His power over it is to be absolute, and he is not to be even compelled to say what he does with it. Is it proposed to bribe the people which to corrupt Spanish officials. This is an offense against that Government, and a stigma upon the American character. It is a proposition disgraceful, looking upon it in his most favorable light. Nakedly examined, it is seen to be full of danger. The country will not, if it ought not to expect anything less than to be met by a general public opprobrium from one end of the country to the other. — *Tribune's Correspondent.*

A Story with a Moral.

Mr. Bones, of the firm of Pearl, Bones & Co., was one of those unfortunate dreamers who while uninterrupted success in trade has been the wonder, and afforded material for the gossip of the town for many years. Being of familiar turn of mind, he was frequently interrogated on the subject, and invariably gave as the secret of his success, that he minded his own business.

A gentleman met Mr. Bones on the Annapolis Bridge. He was gazing intently over the railing at the foaming waters as they fell over the dam. He was evidently in a brown study. Our friend observed to disturb by the abstraction.

"Mr. Bones, tell me how to make a thousand dollars".

Mr. Bones continued looking intently at the water. At last he ventured a reply:

"Do you see that dam my friend?"

"Certainly I do."

"Well, then you may learn the secret of making money. The water would waste away and be of no practical use to anybody but for the dam. That dam serves a two-fold purpose. It makes it perform some useful purpose, and then suffers it to pass along. That large paper mill is kept in constant motion by the dam's impediment. Many months are fed in the manufacture of paper, and intelligence is scattered broadcast over the land on the strength, by the consumption of paper and in the different processes through which it passes, money is made. So it is in the living of hundreds of people. They are constantly passing it passes through their hands every day, and at the year's end they are no better off. What is the reason? They pass by. The superfluous expenditures are increasing, and no practical good is attained. They want them dammed up, so that nothing will pass through their hands without bringing something back—without accomplishing some useful purpose. Dam up your expenses and you will soon have enough occasionally to spare a little, just like that dam. Look at it by my friend!"

Personal and Political.

—There is a movement on foot among some Republicans in Pennsylvania to give an expression in favor of Gen. Simon Cameron at the coming State Convention for the Presidency, and thus informe ly place him in the field, and also to get a united delegation in the National Convention from that State. This movement is premature. There is nothing about Cameron that makes him the best candidate to put on the track.

—The invitation to the Legislature of Ohio to visit Indianapolis during the present session was circulated in the Indiana Senate on Saturday last, and received the signatures of most of the members of that body. The members of the House will probably take the same course, and then we may look out for a grand Legislative drunk.

—Already a powerful lobby is organized by the President to carry through the Appropriation bills. The Cincinnati *Gazette* says: "The same lobby was in existence at the last session to force through the Deficiency and Army bills. The person employed last year to act as chief of this lobby is employed this, and is already negotiating for a splendid banquet, at which the members of both Houses will be invited. The 'person' is one of Mr. Buchanan's Federal office holders in New York State, and is receiving a large salary."

—An Extra Session will not save Buchanan's Administration from the dishonor of pecuniary bankruptcy. The President gives out his purposes to summon one in a certain contingency, with much emphasis. Should he do so, says *The United States Gazette's* Washington correspondent, the session could hardly be called before the 1st of July, because at least sixty days notice would be required for the special elections that would have to be held under his proclamation. Thirteen States have yet to elect, including California, and exigencies of Oregon, if admitted; so that, under no probable circumstances, could Congress well meet under three and a half months after the adjournment on the 4th of March. And even in that event the Government would be dishonored, inasmuch as about $18,000,000 of outstanding Treasury notes become due before the 1st of July.

—The St. Louis *Democrat* of the 7th inst., says:—GOING! GOING!—The steamer Dan. G. Taylor departed this port yesterday afternoon for the South, having on board another gang of negroes numbering about thirty, who were purchased by traders from this State. The negroes were all young and of an average value of $900 each. The ilde keeps moving out.

Western News Items.

DEER BUSINESS.—A number of farmers in Northern Illinois, on the borders of Indiana, have commenced the breeding and raising of deer, the same as they do sheep, and they bring them to market in the same manner; hence the abundance of venison.

A BAND OF ROBBERS.—A number of young men in Grand Rapids, who formed themselves into a band of burglars, have been arrested and are undergoing an examination. One of their number turned State's evidence, which renders their commitment sure.—*Detroit Advertiser.*

SUICIDE.—Mr. Griswold, a highly respected resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, County, Ohio, drowned himself on the 18th inst. He had conceived the idea that all the people and cattle of the town were to die from starvation in the coming winter, and told his family the devil had tempted him to kill them.—*Clinton (Ia.) Herald.*

LITTLE GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.—We learn from the Nauvoo (Ill.) *Prest* that a little daughter of Mrs. Huff, of that place, aged eight years, was burned to death one day last week. It seems her mother had gone out to do some chores and caught fire from putting some chips in the stove. She died in a few hours after being burnt.

COLLEGE AT ADRIAN, MICH.—We learn that it is intended to establish a College at the city of Adrian. A meeting was recently held at Adrian, to consider a proposition to remove the Leon College to the former city, which resulted in the determination to establish a new College. A good deal of spirit was manifested, and an attempt will be made to raise $100,000 by subscription, to accomplish the object.—*Detroit Advertiser.*

FATAL ACCIDENT.—The Peoria *Transcript* learns that on Wednesday morning last a man by the name of Samuel Phillips was instantly killed in a coal bank belonging to Hiram Jackson, by a slip of the earth and coal under which, falling from the roof of the bank upon him and crushing his head! The accident happened near the mouth of the bank, on the bluff above, and is said to have been unavoidable, as the slate came down shortly after the coal, which truth of the matter was not discovered in time to warn Mr. Phillips of his danger. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

CASUALTY.—On Thursday, the 27th ult., a Swede woman, in attempting to cross Mud Creek, in Lake county, Indiana, on the ice, broke in and was drowned. The stream was much swollen. She attempted first to cross on the bridge, over which the water was rushing with great force. She then perceived some floats of ice, upon which she attempted to cross; they gave way under her feet, and she broke through the ice in angry waters. Her body has not yet been found.—*Gainsburg Dem.*

DANGER ON CARS WITH CHILDREN.—A small girl, seven or eight years old on the night of the 17th ult., came pretty near losing her life by a car. Her mother heard a strange noise which awakened her, she hastened to the bed where she child was lying, and found the car with her mouth close to the child's mouth. At first they took it to be the child dead, but they soon perceived it seemed to catch for breath occasionally. After two or three hours the was restored to consciousness, but has been very stupid and fretwell since. Parents should beware how they trust their cats to sleep with the children.—*Ex.*

DARING THEFTS.—A large flock of turkeys passed through the city a day or two since, which were being driven in the same manner as a flock of sheep. The owner of the flock of fever said he had driven them nearly a hundred miles in this way. The birds looked extremely dilapidated and poor, from the effects of travel and fatigue. Even the old turkey gobbler, that led the way, traveled with head and tail down, and plumage bedraggled. He had a hard day up and in want of rest. His companions followed him with slow and weary step, hardly pausing for a meal while they were out of forest of corn as they passed alleys or barnyards. We have seen all kinds of drovers, but none equal to the forty or fifty miles yet to travel before reaching their destination.—*Detroit Free Press.*

A SAD AND FATAL MISTAKE.—On Wednesday morning, the 23d inst., Joseph Greenville Jr., who lives five or six miles east of Greenville in this State, came to an untimely death by means of a dose of strychnine administered to him by his mother, and supposed to be quinine. The poison had been procured of a druggist in that town, for the purpose of killing rats, but having failed to accomplish that object, it had been laid away. The boy had a chill on the day above mentioned, and his mother got the powder, and mixed it in, and of being assisted *Ill.*) *Index.*

Miscellaneous.

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COMMERCIAL.

Commercial and Money Matters.

TUESDAY Evening, Feb. 6.

MONEY, EXCHANGE, &c.—Financial matters are entirely quiet. Quotations have not changed in any particular for the past two weeks or more, and the truth is there is scarcely any variation in tone of the market for many days together. Exchange is close, but the wants of customers are fully supplied at quotations, the range being 1¼@1¾ per cent. premium. Discounts as usual at 10 per cent. Gold steady at 1¼@1¾ with few sales. The street brokers hold rates nominal at 1@3 per cent. per month; but their transactions are confirmed mainly to what would generally be classed as second quality paper.

The N. Y. *Times* of Saturday, 5th, says:

The Money Market is settling down to 5 per cent. to the Brokers, and 6@7 per cent. for Discounts beyond 60 days. Some very short and choice acceptances are current within 6 per cent. So far as demand loans to the Brokers are concerned, the Banks either yield to 5 per cent.—at which rates the private lenders are numerous—or do not a partial business at 6 per cent.

COMMERCIAL.—The movements in the principal staples of this market during the past week, and since the first of January, compared with the same time in 1858, are as follows:

COMPARATIVE IMPORTS.

	Week ending Feb 5	Previous Week.	Since Jan. 1.	Same time in 1858.
Flour, bbls.	7,207	14,000	29,207	46,577
Wheat, bu.	39,000	35,000	144,511	289,395
Corn, bu.	15,000	15,000	124,000	77,000
Oats, bu.	6,775	7,275	31,750	54,564
Barley, bu.	4,500	3,000	15,000	4,000
Barley, bu.	4,340	3,382	15,000	34,351
Rye, bu.	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Provisions, lbs.	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000	3,000,000
Lard, lbs.	254,000	254,000	1,016,000	1,016,000
Wool, lbs.	84,000	191,000	491,000	278,743
Hides, No.	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Beef, bbls.	50	75	200	200
Pork, bbls.	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Live Hogs, No.	1,000	1,000	4,000	28,716
Merchandise, lbs.	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000	3,000,000
Coal, tons.	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Lumber, M. ft.	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Shingles, No.	200	200	800	800
Staves, No.	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Wool, lbs.	7,750	1,540	9,150	23,300

COMPARATIVE EXPORTS FROM CHICAGO TO THE EAST.

	Week end'g Feb 5.	Previous Week.	Since Jan. 1.	Same time in 1858.
Flour, bbls.	1,227	1,247	4,715	17,400
Wheat, bu.	2,000	2,000	8,000	1,114
Corn, bu.	15,581	5,594	41,175	700
Oats, bu.	1,000	1,000	4,000	1,000
Barley, bu.	2,000	2,000	8,000	1,000
Provisions, lbs.	53,727	61,994	189,722	1,000
Lard, lbs.	316,676	267,000	1,016,000	1,097,760
Wool, lbs.	1,500	1,500	3,000	2,371
Hides, No.	3,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Beef, bbls.	200	200	1,000	1,000
Pork, bbls.	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Live Hogs, No.	600	1,500	3,100	21,445
Merchandise, lbs.	241	241	1,000	3,116
Cattle, No.	202	621	1,617	1,000
Sheep, No.	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Wool, lbs.	7,750	1,540	9,150	23,300

The receipts of Breadstuffs during the past week, with the sources of supply, will be found in the following table:

RECEIPTS OF FLOUR AND GRAIN AT CHICAGO, WEEK ENDING FEB. 5, 1859.

	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, bu.	Corn, bu.	Oats, bu.	Rye, bu.	Barley, bu.
By Lake	7,207	39,000	15,000	6,775	1,000	4,500
By R. R.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
By Canal	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
By Team	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total	10,207	42,000	18,000	9,775	4,000	7,500

New York Market.

[By Telegraph.] NEW YORK, February 4, 1859.

FLOUR—Dull and lower. Sales 5,000 bbls. at 10@5.10 for super State, 5.05@5.20 for extra State, 5.15@5.20 for superfine Western, 5.20@5.30 for common to medium extra Western, 5.30@5.45 for shipping brands extra, 5.80@7.20 for fancy and extra Genesee. Canada 5.30@7.20; small sales Rye Flour at 4.15@4.50.

WHEAT—Dull and heavy; to sell freely holders would be encouraging a decline. Sales 20,000 bush. at 1.30@1.31 for Winter Red Indiana at 1.31@1.32 for Winter White Kentucky and 1.41@1.70. Rye nominal at 80@90c. Sales 12,000 bush. Barley active at 85@90c. Sales 12,000 bush. within the range. Corn dull and heavy. Sales 50,000 bush. at 57@58c for new white Southern in speculative request. Sales 2,400 bush. Western mixed at 58c. Oats dull and heavy at 42@43c. Sales 12,000 bush. at 42@43c. Oats firm and quiet at 64@65c for Western and State.

PORK—Steady and lower. Sales 150 bbls at 17¼@20c.

LARD—Steady; sales 400 bbls. at 9½@10c for new and 8½ @8¾ for old. Prices are unchanged. Sales 100 bbls. at 11½@11¾c delivered at Beardstown in Sept.; 100 bbls at 11c. On the 4th, 25 bbls at 11¼c; 7 bbls at 11¾c. On the 7th, 150 bbls at 11¾c. To-day 125 bbls sold at 11¾c.

In Beef there has been rather more inquiry, with about 200 bbls sold in lots at 8@8 50. Extra at $16.

POULTRY—Very scarce and in demand at 6@6.25 ¥ doz. for Dressed Chickens; Turkeys 7¾@8c ¥ lb; Geese 40c each.

POTATOES—Sound Mackenzocks in good demand at 75@87½c; common mixed, 62@70c.

SUGARS—Market advanced. The following are the closing quotations:—New Orleans, common, 7@7½c; do prime, common, 7½c; do fair to good refining, 7¾@8c; do prime to choice, 8@8½c; Cuba, 5¾@6c; Cuba, 7@7½c; Porto Rico, 7¾@7¾c N. Y. Refined, white loaf'os, 10½@11c; Yellow Clarified, 8¾@9c; N. Y. Standard, Crushed, Powdered and Granulated, 10½@10¾c. The following are Boucher's latest prices:

Loaf Sugar, Double Refined	11¾c
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Extra Yellow, Bbls.	9¾c
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MOLASSES—Market steady. The following are the closing quotations:—New Orleans, common, 30@32½c; do fair to good, 35@37½c; do prime to choice, 40@42½c; Cuba, in hhds, 28@30c; N. Y. Syrups, 45@50c; Boston Syrups, 45@50c.

NAVAL STORES—Rosin, $1.50@1.75 ¥ bbl; Tar 340@ 350 ¥ bbl; Pitch, $2@2.50.

NAILS—Assorted, $5.75@5.75 ¥ 100 lbs.

SALTPETRE—Steady. The closing quotations are:—No 1 Lard 45.c; No 2 do, Crystal and Refined, 38c; Boiled 40c; Whale 70c; Sperm 81.60; Neatsfoot 85c; Tanners' 75; Bank 70c.

PROVISIONS AND LARD—The receipts of Provisions and Lard during the past week were; 118 brls Beef, 63 brls Pork; 11,709 lb s Lard. The shipments were 109 brls Beef; 2,042 brls Pork, and 546 brls Lard. The market during the past week for all kinds of Pork Produce has been very firm and inquiry active. There has been little or no Mess Pork or Lard offering, and the principal transactions have been in Cut Meats, which have advanced ¼c ¥ lb. The transactions of the week have been as follows:

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WOODEN WARE—Pails—There should be 2,000 Pails, $2.50 Wash Tubs—Sales 500 in lots; 300 lbs do at 70c in store. Brooms—100 bs Handled at 60c by 5. Sales 1,000 lbs do at 60c in store; 500 lbs do No. 2 at 55c in store; 1200 lbs now No. 2 at 50c in store; 1000 lbs do at 45c in store; 2000 lbs do reported at 65c in store. The inside of these firm at 10@20c. The inside of these firm at 10@20c. The shipments during the past week were 50 bbls.

CORN—Receipts during the week 39,775 bushels, against 35,000 the week previous, and 8,000 bushels the same week in 1858. The shipments during the past week were 10,207 bushels—mostly to Detroit and Cleveland. The market during the week has been buoyant, an advance of 2c being given a week ago. During the week a cargo of 12,000 bushels was sold, for delivery on the first week in May, at 60c f. o. b., and 5,000 bushels, same delivery, on private terms.

Oats, Rye and Barley have all been buoyant throughout the week, though at the close there is more Barley offering, and the market is not so strong.

Provisions have been very firm—with little or no Mess Pork or Lard offering. A large business has been done in Cut Meats at an advance of ¼c on the quotations of last week.

The receipts of Grass Seed during the week were heavy, and the offerings large. Timothy has maintained previous prices; but Clover has declined 12½@25c towards the close.

The Hide market has been buoyant, with an advance in Green Salted and Dry Flint. To-day, however, the market is duller, and dealers look for a decline.

The advance in Corn has kept Highwines firm. The demand, however, is very limited, and the advance which holders ask has rendered the market quite inactive.

The following table shows the Highest, Lowest, and closing Prices of Flour, Grain, Provisions, &c., during the week:

HIGHEST, LOWEST, AND CLOSING PRICES DURING THE WEEK.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
Flour, Spring Extra	4.90	4.75	41.75@4.85
" Winter	5.00	4.90	5.00@5.25
No. 1 Red	1.30	1.27	1.30
No. 2 do	1.30	1.26	1.30
Rejected Spring	1.26	1.26	1.26
Old No 2 Spring	0.81	0.77	0.81
New No. 2 Spring	0.80	0.77	0.80
Corn, ¥ bu	0.62½	0.59	0.62½
Oats, ¥ bu	0.43	0.42	0.43
Timothy Seed	3.00	1.90	2.00@3.00
Clover Seed			5.00@5.50
Mess Pork	17.75	17.75	17.75
Lard	0.11¾	0.11	0.11¾@0.11¾

The following table shows the Grain and Pork in store at Milwaukee on the 1st inst., compared with that on the same day a year ago:

FLOUR, GRAIN AND PORK IN STORE AT MILWAUKEE.

	Feb. 1 1859.	Feb. 1 1858.
Flour, bbls.	26,261	63,000
Wheat, bu.	15,000	not reported.
Corn, bu.	68,342	285,917
Barley, bu.	21,000	18,333
Oats, bu.	21,000	
Rye, bu.	1,000	

The receipts of grain and flour at Milwaukee for each of the past five weeks ending on the dates prefixed, and the total amounts received since January 1st, are shown by the following table:

RECEIPTS AT MILWAUKEE SINCE JAN. 1.

Week ending	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, bu.	Barley, bu.	Oats, bu.	Corn, bu.
Jan 8	3,540	20,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
" 15	3,540	20,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
" 22	3,540	20,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
" 29	3,540	20,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Feb 5	14,000	39,000	15,000	6,775	15,000
Total	14,662	104,000	19,000	10,000	19,000

RECEIPTS AT DETROIT DURING LAST WEEK.

Flour, bbls.	3,000	Barley, bu.	1,000
Wheat, bu.	6,000	Oats, bu.	10,000
Corn, bu.	4,000	Hogs on foot, No.